

POLICE ON TRAIL OF RODACK SLAYERS

Gangster's Story Clears Up Many Bandit Killings

Detectives today are on the heels of the murderers of Aaron Rodack, "the fighting Jeweler," who was shot down defending his store at 3630 Broadway from a bandit gang last July 22.

Police know that Rodack was slain by a mob known as the "Brownsville Gorillas," and they know, too, that this mob killed Motorcycle Policeman Frank J. Murphy on Eastern Parkway, Brownsville, August 7.

Betrayed by Pal

The gorillas were betrayed by one of their pals, Benjamin Mintz, 21, of 431 Alabama Ave., Brooklyn, in a complete confession, in which he admitted participation in robbery of jewelry stores, pawnshops and garages, in which the loot totaled more than \$250,000, according to the police.

Mintz was arrested on Monday when he went to Dr. George Schwartz, 143 East 21st St., to receive treatment for a hole in his forearm, caused he explained by falling ice tongs. Dr. Schwartz called police.

Jailed, Mintz refused to talk. Then Hyman Amberg, another of the mob, was seized yesterday in Albany. Mintz broke down last night and confessed to Commissioner McLaughlin, Inspector Coughlin, Deputy Inspector Carey and detectives of the Homicide Squad.

Seven in Gang

Mintz, a chauffeur, said there were seven in the gang, including George Cohen and Solomon Brofman, arrested and convicted in the \$15,000 hold-up of a jewelry store at 15 Maiden Lane two months ago. Cohen was sentenced to forty years in Sing Sing. Brofman still awaits sentence.

At least two murders are confessed by him. "I shot William Dorsch," he muttered through dry lips.

"Yeah, and I knocked off a guy named Jack Silverman August 9."

Confesses Numerous "Jobs"

The Simms robbery and the \$60,000 hold-up at 91 Eldridge St., both charged to the Whittemore mob—the gorillas' chief rivals—also were confessed by Mintz. Here are the other crimes he said he took part in:—

October 16, 1925—Pawnshop of Jacob Woldar, 274 Grand St., Brooklyn.

March 4—William H. Simms, jewelry store, Grand Concourse, The Bronx; \$75,000 loot.

December 27—Lerner Bros. & Buxbaum, 91 Eldridge St.; loot, \$60,000.

Levine pawnshop, 171 Lenox

April 8—Isadore Renner jewelry store, 132 Rivington St.; loot, \$10,000.

February 17—Samuel Brill, 34 East Broadway; loot, \$45,000 gems.

Storm Deluges Upper N. Y., But Lower Half Stays Dry

While the northern half of New York city was deluged by a driving rainstorm, accompanied by terrific thunder and hail, the lower half was storm-clear yesterday.

Late in the afternoon a heavy peal of thunder vibrated heavily in the Washington Heights district. The sky was then clear, but in a few minutes came darkening clouds. The weather bureau downtown was unaware of this prank of nature. When informed, they said the storm was caused by warm air meeting a cold current as it rose.

Famous Stage Favorite Injured



VIVIAN DUNCAN

Hammer Slayer Planned Killing to End 'Slavery'

Nineteen-year-old Emanuel S. Silberstein, who a week ago broke the skull of James H. Calish, 60, with a shoemaker's hammer, revealed to physicians at Kings County Hospital today that he had planned the killing for a year.

Hovering on the brink of madness the youthful slayer had a



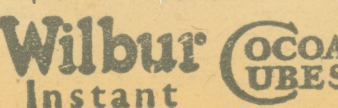
lucid spell this morning between paroxysms of rage and fits of hysterical weeping. He told an amazing story of the relations that existed between himself and the aged teacher of Freudism.

"I was in a state of slavery," said the slayer. "I suffered a degeneracy of spirit. I had known him for three years. Last year I realized that he dominated my will.

"My spirit rebelled—but I was shackled to him. I loathed the constant preaching of self-hypnosis and the doctrine of sex personality.

"I planned to kill him. I gave it up, thinking that medical and physical culture treatment would restore me. But last week I realized I had to kill him—to free myself. I did so. I am glad. At last I am master of my own soul."

Silberstein is still in a strait-jacket.



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Marine Corporal Wins Death Race

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 28.—Corp. Robert Marquard, United States Marine Corps, won a race with death when he arrived at his mother's bedside.

Marquard used a seaplane, an Army transport ship and two express trains to get here from Colon, in the Panama Canal zone. The mother, Mrs. Gustine Marquard, 72, has been ill for several months. A week ago her condition became worse. She may die within twenty-four hours.

Three days ago Marquard received a radiogram, notifying him of her condition.



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Pens Woman in Bedroom, Gets \$1,500 Jewelry Loot

A neatly dressed man walked into the home of Mrs. Walker Forstner, at 566 Hamilton Road, South Orange, N. J., last evening, forced her at the point of a revolver to take refuge in an upstairs bedroom, while he stole \$1,500 worth of jewelry from another bedroom and escaped in an auto.

The robbery was committed in one of the best residential districts of the city. Mrs. Forstner, who is 50 years old, was too excited to give police a good description of the hold-up man or the automobile in which he drove away.

The Forstners returned from Europe last Saturday and there were no servants in the house when the intruder entered, Mrs. Forstner told the police. She said she was alone in the house.

The intruder calmly rang the

bell. When he received no answer he entered. Mrs. Forstner called from the top of the stairway, "Who's there?"

"Get back in there again or I'll blow your brains out," the hold-up man ordered from the foot of the stairs. He forced Mrs. Forstner to retire to her room, locked her in, and proceeded to ransack other rooms for valuables.

Vivian Duncan Badly Injured in Automobile Crash

OXNARD, CAL., Aug. 28 (By U. P.).—Vivian Duncan, musical comedy star, was suffering today from a possible skull fracture and other injuries sustained in an automobile accident near here.

It will be several months before she can resume her stage work, according to Dr. Everett C. Beach.

Miss Duncan sustained a deep laceration on her knee and may be incapacitated permanently for dancing, Dr. Beach said.

Miss Duncan and her leading man, Vernon Rickard, were returning from San Francisco when their automobile collided with another machine. Rickard was badly cut and bruised, but his condition is not dangerous.

Miss Duncan is one of the famous Duncan sisters, singers, widely known on the vaudeville and legitimate stage. The other sister is Rosetta. They have been starring in "Topsy and Eva," which has had a run of several years.

LAWYER BOWS HEAD AS JUDGE JAILS HIM

BRIDGETON, N. J., Aug. 28.—Nicholas Riccio, 28, a lawyer of Vineland, has been sentenced to serve two to three years in the New Jersey state prison for embezzling \$30,000 from various clients.

The young attorney bowed his head when Judge Herbert Bartlett announced the penalty in the Cumberland County Court here.

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